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1. Former members of the Czech diplomatic corps in Bombay have either sought refuge some place or returned to Czechoslovakia in the hope of getting an assignment away from that country. None want to remain in Czechoslovakia.
2. The former Trade Commissioner* was recalled to Prague to take part in negotiations of a new trade agreement and has not been heard from since. His former assistant has now replaced him.
3. One young member of the Czech diplomatic mission went home recently with the assurance and hope of being reassigned to another foreign post inasmuch as he had performed his work well. A recent letter indicates that this official's name has been placed on the rolls of men eligible for working assignments in the mines, fields or forests.
4. All passports of Czechs in Bombay were revoked 30 November 1949. New passports are valid only for three months and only for travel between India and Czechoslovakia via Austria and Italy. No other route is available. There are few exceptions to these stringent passport restrictions.
5. Many Czechs are not requesting new passports since each renewal costs Rs 50 and travel under such passports is strictly curtailed.

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